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TAGS: PFOR, PINT, YO, US

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON PODGORNYY

REF: STATE 124888

1. A PROMINENT LOCAL DOCTOR IN GOOD PARTY STANDING TOLD THE CONSUL GENERAL JUNE 2 THAT JURE BILIC, MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LCY, HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE REMOVAL OF PODGORNYY WAS RELATED TO AN ONGOING STRUGGLE IN THE USSR BETWEEN THE GROUP AROUND BREZHNEV AND ONE AROUND SUSLOV AND IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO EFFORTS TO INTRODUCE A NEW CONSTITUTION. BREZHNEV FAVORS INTERNAL RELAXATIONS WHICH, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD PROVIDE FOR ISSUANCE OF IDENTITY CARDS TO ALL SOVIET CITIZENS PERMITTING THEM TO TRAVEL FREELY THROUGHOUT THE SOVIET UNION. THE LATTER GROUP IS OPPOSED TO THIS LOOSENING. BILIC REPORTEDLY COMMENTED THAT THE SOVIET ARMY CONTINUES TO BE A DOMINANT FORCE WITHIN THE COUNTRY.

2. BILIC REPORTEDLY SAID THAT BREZHNEV SUFFERS PERIODIC ATTACKS OF PARALYSIS OF AN ARM AND LOSS OF MEMORY. ACCORDING TO BILIC, WHO HAS VISITED THE SOVIET UNION AND SEEN BREZHNEV, THE LATTER HAS HAD SPELLS WHEN HE LOSES HIS TRAIN OF THOUGHT WHILE SPEAKING AND IS FORGETFUL. BILIC
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CONTRASTED BREZHNEV WITH TITO, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS BEING IN REMARKABLY GOOD CONDITION AS WAS REFLECTED IN HIS TALKS WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. KAISER

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